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PART VI.

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

SHIMOGA DIVISION.

SALE OF DRY TIMBER AND LOPS AND TOPS.

Notification dated 25th January 1928.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right of collecting and removing all the dry, dead and fallen timber including the lops and tops of felled trees in the following forests of the Shimoga Division, for the year 1927-28, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, or any other officer deputed by him on the dates and places and subject to the conditions mentioned below :—

The sale will commence at 2 P.M. precisely, on each day and will be subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer in case of bids of Rs. 500 and below and of the Conservator of Forests in other cases.

Range	Name of forest	Name of working circle	Name of felling series	Description of coupes	Timber—approximate quantity available		Place of sale	Date of sale	Remarks
					Teak.	Other kinds			
Agumbe ..	Agumbe ..	Agumbe ..	Agumbe ..	Compartments 1 and 2.	Nil	.. 4,000	Agumbe	11th February 1928	Approximate quantities of the several kinds will be intimated at the time of sale.
Do ..	Balehalli. ..	Balehalli..	Balehalli..	Compartment 2.	Nil	.. 2,000			

N.B.—It should be clearly noted that the contractor, should make his own arrangements for the removal of timber, etc., in the coupes and that the Forest Department will not undertake any responsibility in the matter of opening roads, etc.

2. Each bidder shall, before he is permitted to bid, be required to furnish a solvency certificate as under the Tangadi Sale Rules and deposit a sum of Rs. 100 (one hundred) as earnest money with the officer conducting the sale; the deposit will be returnable to him at the close of the sale, if his bid is not accepted. The person whose bid is accepted, shall immediately after the close of the sale pay 25 per cent of the bid amount less the deposit already paid, failing which, the right will be resold or worked by the department at the risk of the defaulting bidder. He will be liable for the loss, if any, that may result by such resale or departmental working which will be recoverable from him as arrears of land revenue, but he shall not participate in any gain.

3. Defaulters to the department will not be allowed to bid at the sale.

4. The timber will be sold in terms of cubic feet (*i.e.*, the bidders will have to bid at so much per cubic foot of timber).

5. Power is reserved to the District Forest Officer or such other conducting the sale, as may be deputed by the District Forest Officer to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

6. Any person bidding at the sale may be required by the Officer conducting the sale to state whether he is bidding on his own behalf or as an agent and in the latter case to produce a written authority signed by the principal.

7. Within a week from the date of intimation regarding the confirmation of the sale, the person whose bid is accepted shall deposit a sum of Rs, 100 (one hundred) or 25 per cent of the sale amount, whichever is less, for each coupe as security towards the due fulfilment of his contract. He shall also pay within that period the remaining 75 per cent of the contract amount due by him and shall execute an agreement on a stamped paper of proper value accepting the above terms and the terms specified below, failing which, the amount already paid will be forfeited to Government and the produce resold or worked by the department at his risk as noted in clause (2) supra. The security deposit or the balance thereof as may remain over shall be repayable to the contractor on his producing proof relieving him of any liability under the contract.

The following are the the further conditions to which the contractor should bind himself:—

(*a*) That he shall collect and remove the timber purchased by him before the 15th June 1928.

(*b*) That he shall furnish the Range Officers concerned with a list of agents and workmen who will be employed by him in the forest for extraction of timber.

(*c*) That he shall bind himself to pay in advance the value of the minimum quantity of timber to be fixed by the District Forest Officer and shall remove all marketable portions either in logs, pieces or poles.

(*d*) That he will not be eligible for any refund of advance revenue if the minimum quantity fixed is not removed, but any excess quantity removed shall be paid for at auction rates.

(*e*) That no timber prepared in the coupe shall be removed unless it is measured and stamped at the stump by the Range Officer or such other officer as the District Forest Officer may authorise and until it is duly paid for.

(*f*) That each consignment of timber shall be covered by a passport issued by the Range Officer or any other officer deputed by the District Forest Officer in this behalf.

(*g*) That he shall abide by the rules of the department as regards the kindling of fires and shall hold himself responsible for any forest offences committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*h*) That he shall not sublet the contract to anybody except with the written sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*i*) That no timber operation shall take place in the Forest after sunset and before sunrise.

(*j*) That he shall have no right whatsoever over the coupe and over the timber paid for but left unremoved in any of the coupes after 30th June 1928.

(*k*) That he shall maintain a register in the form prescribed by the District Forest Officer showing the quantity of timber of each kind collected and shall keep it open for the examination of Forest Officers above the grade of guards.

(l) That for any breach of any of the conditions of the contract by the contractor or his agents the contract shall be void at the option of the District Forest Officer and that the latter may after issuing to the contractor a notice of cancellation of contract enforce forfeiture of all or any part of the deposit and shall resell the right or work it departmentally at the risk of the contractor as in column, (2) *supra*. If the deposit or part thereof is so forfeited it shall be immediately made good by the contractor.

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